

Present: Clair Brown (Chair), Todd Richardson (Vice Chair), Ken Kerr (RMCG liaison), Kurt Kleiner, Bill Ott, Mike Frary (for BLM till Kurt arrived), Dave Carter (RMCG Chair), Debbie (notekeeper)

Via Conference Call Line: Dave Hall, Bill Hahnenberg, Paul Summerfelt, Jim Strain (for Jim McMahon & Joe Lowe)

Agenda:

1. Recruitment
2. IC Application update
3. What formats are acceptable? (Electronic, paper)(Late?)
4. Select IC's - Deadline Oct 6th
 - a. Selection Rules

IC Application Update:

Brownie has received 2 IC applications so far. Is electronic submittal ok? Yes...just need supervisor's signature. The agency review can also be electronic. Just has to go to the Operations Committee Representative.

Cut off is in 2 weeks, that is OK, no need to extend. Applications will close on Oct 6th.

Do we know if the announcement went nation wide? Not known, but it did go through the IC network nationally. Non traditional source discussion.

Selection Rules:

The Operations Guide spells out the Criteria for Selection Rules, pg. 16, 17.

Discussed selecting applications from within the RMA initially, then the ones that come in from outside RMA. Priorities are not necessarily spelled out in the mob guide. The Ops Committee could vote on it at the time, if this occurs. May want to revise mob guide with the new vision and direction for the RMA IMT's.

ACTION ITEM: Todd will put a recommendation together where an RMA application has priority over out of area applications. Other priorities depend on the needs or vacancies within. Also will be based on qualifications and performance for within, and for outside. The GACC will need to be in concurrence with the application going outside.

Timeframes from the RMA Mob Guide:

9/1 Recruit IC, Deputy IC and Trainee IC's

10/1 (6th) Applications close for IC, Deputy IC and Trainee IC's

(Copy of Zone IC applications go to Great Plains Board)

10/15 Recommendation to RMCG by Operations Committee

10/31 RMCG selection of IC, Deputy and Trainee IC's.

11/1 Applications for team positions sent out, Recruitment continues.

12/1 Team applications due to Operations Committee Representatives.

1/10 Data Entry complete for team apps by the Operations Comm. Representatives.

Prior to January Ops Comm. Meeting: Sub-committee makes tentative team selections. *Great Plains Zone Board of Directors completes recommendation for Zone Team selections.*

January Operations Comm Mtg: Committee completes recommended team selections.

2/1 Recommended team selections to RMCG for approval.

2/15 RMCG approves team selection and will submit final rosters for posting to the RMC website.

Zone Team. Will those zone applications be handled by the zone board? Yes. There will be a letter that comes out in the next couple weeks clarifying process. We will want to make sure that there will at least be a zone board representative at our team selections meeting.

We reiterated that there will be only one application for all teams, and the application will come to the Ops Committee representative. Then the Ops Committee will send to the Great Plains Zone Board. (To choose IC or team member)

Team Selection Software:

Read the proposal for the software. Will try to email to committee the proposal. This program has been used for 6 years. Each agency representative enters each application on the Internet. No one has ever had access issues.

ACTION ITEM: Brownie will follow up on procuring the software from Ryan Blume. (as per Dave Carter, the States collectively were supposed to put up \$10000 for the Rmcg Business Advisor. There were 2 months that had no charge when Kelly left. The money is for FY08. Brownie will try to use it.)

Fall Operations Committee meeting date: Oct 9th, 10th Begin at 0900 Thursday at RMACC. Friday will start at 0800 and try to be done by 1200.

Agenda will include:

Post Season Wrap Up with IC's

IC application's reviewed, compiled and recommendations to RMCG
(Make sure nominations get in to the board from the various agencies)

S-420/520/620 Selection/Reviews

Ensure that letter from agency heads supporting team nominations & participation during the major recruiting cycle is sent out.

Mob Guide Review assignments will be given.

Ops Committee Charter and Guide Review, update for 2009.

Voting Disparity (Issue papers? Todd)

RMCG/Team discussion. (Referred to the Sept. 11, 2008 Vision and Direction of the Future of RMA IMT's Letter.)

The decision has been made to support 1 T1 team, 2 T2 RMA Teams, and 1 T2 Zone Team.

Configuration: Will we let IC's just have a total number of positions instead of exact positions needing to be filled and they pick the team they need, or do we go with a template from the current mob guide guidance?

RMCG is going to discuss this at their fall meeting and make decision on configuration.

The question is what positions you are going to recruit for. This needs to be spelled out in the team member recruitment letter.

Discussed the need for clear direction from the Executives to the Rmcg to the Ops Committee.

When you develop issue papers, look at vision paper from execs. Don't put any roadblocks in your way. Currently the vision has a number of wide open statements, so the details will be worked out by the Ops Comm, RMCG, etc.

Ops committee doesn't need to worry about filling the new Fire Use Support Group or the Decision Support Group. RMCG is taking care of that.

Question came up as to whether or not it was acceptable for voting member to vote over phone if needed. That is acceptable if necessary.

Voting disparity between RMCG and Ops Comm. Everyone look at the Ops Guide/Charter/Mob Guide as far as voting goes. Will discuss at Oct. meeting.